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THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 17.

SKELETON FUSION

THAT portion of the Washington party State organization dominated by William Flinn and the machine element of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania fused yesterday on the nomination for Governor by the substitution of Vance C. McCormick for the faint-hearted William Draper Lewis, who was the nominee in an open primary for the chief magistracy of the State.

While this action is hailed as a great achievement by certain politicians, it is really but a skeleton fusion—for personal advantage on both sides, William Flinn does not control the Progressives of the State. That was demonstrated yesterday when several men who have been Roosevelt men from principle and from the very inception of the movement, refused to accept the wealthy low tariff Democratic candidate without protest. Other men who have been in the Progressive fight were absent and others have denounced the whole business as a deal. William Flinn handed over the nomination to McCormick with an air of a man who was transferring to one for whom he personally cared little a very disagreeable burden. McCormick accepted the nomination because he thought it might help him, but he was unable to conceal his realization that it was a group of field marshals that was joining his colors, and let slip a commendation of the President whom Colonel Roosevelt denounces.

McCormick goes on two tickets for Governor. He will probably be on more. He had the support of part of the Progressives. There are some other skeletons, organizations which through harassment, prejudice or cash might be induced to put his name on top of their ballots.

THEN AND NOW

THE decision of the United States Government not to pass upon the charges of atrocities in connection with the European war is wise. We could not hope, out of the mass of contradictory evidence produced, to arrive at a fair and unbiased conclusion at this time. Probably the very fact that the charges have been filed will cause all of the belligerents to be more careful in the future.

The horror the English now express over the alleged misconduct of the Germans sounds much like the expressions of our own people when the English invaded the United States in 1814 and burned the Capitol at Washington. Referring to incidents of that period, Niles' Weekly Register of September, 1814, says:

The hate with which we have always said Great Britain regarded us is now exhibited by a Gothic-like war. The shores of the Chesapeake are lighted by the flames of farm houses and cottages, hitherto respected in war, and the fruits of the earth are wantonly consumed by the invader's torch. Whatever of private property pleases him he lays hold of as a prize; and wick-edly destroys what he can not carry away. Household furniture has been a favorite object of his vengeance, and negroes and tobacco are his darling spoils.

Substitute names and places and the foregoing would sound like an English newspaper account of German depredations in Belgium.

THE BOY AND THE FRUIT TREE

ALL moral authorities condemn the small boy for stealing fruit. Why are not wheat, corn, barley, sugar or, for that matter, dry goods, boots and shoes and other articles as suitable for the purpose in question as cotton? On what grounds could the Secretary of the Treasury yield abundant aid to the cotton growers and refuse any assistance to many another kind of producers with equal claims upon the attention of a paternalistic government?

The whole scheme is fundamentally unsound, and unless the country speedily wakes up to the fact we shall again be launched into a tumultuous sea of flatism. The time to lock the barn door is before the horse is stolen. So, too, the time to avert the danger of flatism is while we are still on an actual gold basis.

EVENING CHAT

An interesting feature in connection with the inventory of the assets of Pennsylvania, to which reference was made last night, is the fact that it will include the moneys in hand. On the 1st of the inventory is closed the total amount of the State cash will be taken and it will be seen where it stands in active accounts. But it will also be seen that the state is not only out of debt, but that it has a surprisingly large sum accumulated in its sinking fund over and above all evidences of debt. Incidentally, it will show the very interesting fact that while the Commonwealth is out of debt it owes money to itself. Last year the state paid off the last of the outstanding public bonds. There remain only a few notes, which are being and other loans on which interest ended long ago, but which the holders have never presented, although the cash is in hand. Then there are a half million of dollars in gold and silver bonds, which bear 6 per cent. The state owns these and the interest goes to the State College, so that the state makes a profit on the interest. These bonds will fall due in about ten years and the cash for them and for \$17,000 of proceeds of the sale of a farm, bonds for which are also held by the state is in hand. But the state will be paying interest to itself for a while. But over and above all these evidences of debt, and they do not aggregate to \$60,000, the State has in cash to-day \$153,514.99 for redemption of debts which it does not owe.

The accumulation of a sinking fund on which interest is being found unpaid. It's a funny thing to be out of debt and yet be piling up cash to meet debts.

A company of blackbirds mobilized in Capitol Park the other morning and chased the fat, lazy pigeons to the tall timbers. The birds were part of a corps that has been hanging around here for some weeks and apparently sized up the Capitol Park as a happy feeding ground. About forty landed during the forenoon, and the morning when visitors were scattered around peanuts and commenced to harass the pigeons. They would wait until people went away and then start after the nuts. In a few minutes active, pugnacious birds boomed the place and did not scare even for the squirrels.

People who have eaten peaches in Capitol Park have been surprised to see the squirrels scamper after the stones. They are not there are people who take their lunches to the benches under the trees and have a flock of birds and squirrels for company. Yesterday a couple of peaches were thrown at pigeons and were snatched up by squirrels and carted off to be buried.

Harrisburg got back to its regular fall stride as a convention city yesterday. There were no less than six meetings of general importance in progress. This evening there were in months in which there have been important doings and between the various hearings in Capitol Hill, the Bull Mooseers, the Slovak Unionists and railroad engineers there was much doing.

There were some funny incidents at the Washington party state committee meeting yesterday and today. There ain't no politics in this column, they're worth noting. William Flinn voted on one question. This is possible only in a Moose meeting. Flinn did it because he was there as a member and had two proxies. L. Snyder, of Pittsburgh, did the same thing. It was put down one and add two.

During the afternoon someone strayed in with some bulletins noted down on the back of a letter. "The war's going on. The Germans are making a stand," was the way he began.

"Cut it. So's Judge Brumm," reported a man near him who wanted to hear the Schuykill veteran of many battles.

When the meeting came to an end someone proposed three cheers for McCormick. They were given with a will and the tumult died away when there was heard the electric news. And this is what he said right after there had been cheers for McCormick.

"All the news. Buy the Telegraph."

SERIOUS NATIONAL MENACE

SYMPATHY for the Southern cotton growers, who to-day are facing the prospect of heavy losses on their crops, should not blind us to the great danger which lurks in Secretary McAdoo's proposal to employ cotton warehouse receipts as a basis for the issue of bank currency, according to the Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The thing which must be constantly borne in mind is the economic law that the cheaper currency tends to drive the dearer currency out of circulation. No power on earth, whether it be Czar, King, Parliament or Congress, can permanently check the operation of this law. It is as inevitable as the ebb and flow of the tide. Increase the silver or the paper currency beyond certain well-defined limits and the displacement of an equal amount of gold is an absolute certainty. Increase the volume of cheaper currency without regard to considerations of prudence and the time will come when gold will entirely disappear from the ordinary channels of trade.

That the government acted wisely in authorizing the issuance of national bank currency in accordance with the provisions of the Aldrich-Vreeland law of 1908 may be conceded. Let it not be forgotten, however, that the law in question was designed to be used only in time of emergency. Authorizing, as it does, the use of a varied assortment of bonds, securities and commercial paper as security for national bank notes, it leaves the door open for an enormous increase in paper currency unattended by a corresponding increase in gold reserves. Here, then, is a measure which, however beneficial it might prove to be temporarily, would be calculated to drive gold out of circulation in the long run.

If Secretary McAdoo's suggestion is sound, there is no good reason why warehouse certificates for hundreds of other classes of merchandise should not constitute the basis for currency. Why are not wheat, corn, barley, sugar or, for that matter, dry goods, boots and shoes and other articles as suitable for the purpose in question as cotton? On what grounds could the Secretary of the Treasury yield abundant aid to the cotton growers and refuse any assistance to many another kind of producers with equal claims upon the attention of a paternalistic government?

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BILL FLINN PUTS MCCORMICK OVER

Carries Out Fusion Plan After Opposition of Strenuous Kind Is Manifest

DEMOCRATS CHEER IT ON

Many Prominent McCormick Men Among the Noisemakers at Chestnut Street Hall

Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor and Wilson tariff man, was the speaker at a noon made nominee of the Washington party for Governor by the grace of William Flinn and after a fight. Predictions that the forcing of McCormick on the Progressive ticket as the successor William Draper Lewis would not be effected without a row were abundantly verified and while eighty-two were reported as voting for McCormick, one voted for Judge C. N. Brumm and six refused to vote.

Lewis appeared in person to urge McCormick's nomination and Flinn made a speech in which he confessed that only the fact that the Washington party was left by saying that unless the people opposed to Republicans united they would be wiped out. He pointed out the fact that the tariff principles of the Democrats and Washingtonians are directly opposite by saying the whole questions this year were State issues, notwithstanding the fact that the tariff was the idle workmen and stored freight cars are the result of Democratic tariff tinkering and A. Mitchell Palmer's metal tariff schedule. Flinn urged the people to vote for McCormick and to help make Pennsylvania Democratic in 1916. Judge Brumm criticized Lewis for withdrawing without consulting the executive committee and suggested that there was to be "an ignominious surrender" fifty per cent. of the Progressives would either not vote or would go for Brumbaugh. He said that the McCormick vote would never consent to certain national issues "that confront us to-day." Then he said that if the Democrats took down Palmer the problem would be solved, wind-up vote. The suggestion that the committee take two weeks recess as he wanted to find out whether the party was to be "made merely the tools of ambitious politicians." The McCormick would not take a recess because Flinn told it not to and went to a vote.

That vote will be one of the things that will haunt the Flinn machine and Candidate McCormick. Robert K. Young, treasurer of the party; Judge Brumm and C. Wade of Schuylkill; W. P. Young and M. Strawbridge, of Lancaster, re-elected to the State when Flinn voted for Brumm but when the Judge objected turned in for McCormick. The Huntington man voted for Brumm and stuck, refusing to line up for McCormick. The eighty-two votes, were thus obtained for McCormick, three being cast by Flinn alone. Mr. Young, whose Progressivism was announced last year, said he refused to vote for McCormick for sentimental and practical reasons. T. K. Ober, of Montgomery, said it was time to decide whether the party was to become tail to the Democratic donkey. All through the meeting there was a murmur of objection. But the machine was working well.

In accepting the nomination McCormick gave the Bull Mooseers a chill. Having the prize in his grasp he blurted out this statement of his hostility to the tariff stand of Roosevelt. He recognized that the Democrats on national issues - questions of national policy, we are not united. But I realize, fellow citizens, that I would not be so sure of my convictions as a man who fought for the nomination and for the election of Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States. I do not say here that I am profoundly gratified with the extraordinary administration he has given us, just as you men are proud of your great leader, Theodore Roosevelt.

One of the features of the meeting and one that attracted much attention was the enthusiastic manner in which the McCormick men were greeted and every reference to the Democratic tariff reformer after his nomination was assured by this was soon understood when Jesse L. Lybarger, Democratic candidate for the House, was seen on the sidelines with a select set of noisemakers. When the time came to bring in the wealthy candidate Lybarger was overjoyed and accompanied McCormick to the front of the hall and took a seat in full view. Prior to that he had given the information to the State committee that McCormick was in the city and could be produced. It was a proud day for Jesse. He was one of the Patriot's Forgetter and wanted all to know it.

There were almost as many Democrats as Bull Mooseers attending the meeting and it seemed they would have run the meeting for Flinn. In the audience were Division Boss H. B. McCormick, who voted until the vote was taken; Mayor John K. Royal, Pa-Mc League Scout C. W. Rubendall, Hier Moeslein, President of the Pennsylvania State, E. S. Duncan, Perry County Chairman D. L. Kauffman, candidate for Congress; T. K. VanDyke, Jury Commissioner Taylor, School Director Frank Fred Morgenthau, Dr. C. A. Fritchey, James Miles, B. Frank Nead, Harry Vollmer and probably more. They quite overshadowed the local Bull Mooseers when it came down to numbers, although they could not beat the glee of the Washingtonians when McCormick said that if elected he would consider that he was elected by a Democratic vote as well as Democrats. That meant spoils.

Dean Lewis was seized upon by Dr. Kreider as a life preserver to-day

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

The Washington party's action in nominating McCormick to beat Penrose by fusing on an office for which Penrose is not a candidate is the Patriot's idea of patriotism and love of country. Flinn said that he figures of City Chairman Oves are not official, but time will tell. Incidentally, the fact that 128,000 of the 180,000 voters registered in Philadelphia in two registration days are Republicans does not please the Patriot either.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

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The Right Man

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Knew Him First

WINTER'S COMING

BRUMBAUGH ON LOCAL OPTION

PHILADELPHIA

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Continued, located, newly furnished

Dollar a Day

\$1.50 with bath

Table and Dinner 50c

Club Breakfast 25c

Music with Lunch, Dinner and Supper

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300 A Market Street

and taken to the Gratz fair in an attempt to stem the Brumbaugh tide. Kreider sees the storm coming, but is going to fight it out, he says. Kaurman also intends to fight it out. It happened that Lewis and Brumbaugh were under the same roof in Union Station this morning at the same time.

The Patriot does not like the registration in Harrisburg and snarls as usual. It claims that the figures of City Chairman Oves are not official, but time will tell. Incidentally, the fact that 128,000 of the 180,000 voters registered in Philadelphia in two registration days are Republicans does not please the Patriot either.

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"THE QUALITY STORE"

Exceptional Bargains FOR FRIDAY'S SHOPPERS Store Open All Day Friday

EXTRA SPECIAL—A lot of Lace, Silk and Chiffon Waists—all good styles, and nice made and practically all colors and sizes, but not every size in every color. Were originally valued from \$3.50 to \$6.00. Special for Friday at ONE-HALF PRICE.

Ladies' Waists, made of figured cross bar Crepe in blue and lavender colors; long sleeves and roll collar. Regularly \$1.00. Special for Friday, each 39c

Ladies' Figured Lawn Dresses in blue and pink figures; were \$1.39. Special for Friday at, each 79c

Ladies' Cloth Plaid Skirts in two-color effects—blue and green broken plaids; were \$3.98 regularly. Special for Friday at \$2.39

Ladies' Silk Jersey Petticoats in emerald green and black—pleated flounce at foot. Worth \$2.98. Special for Friday at \$2.15

Lot of Infants' Sweaters. Special for Friday. \$1.00 values, gray only. 50c

\$1.75 and \$1.98 value in gray, red and blue, at each \$1.00

8x12 Wool and Fiber Rugs in colors suitable for any room in the house; beautiful patterns and colorings; worth \$10. Special for Friday at \$7.75

Colored and hemstitched bordered volles and scraps for curtains—well worth 25c. Special for Friday, per yard 19c

36-inch Drawn-Work Bordered scrim—in ecru only; was 19c. Special for Friday at, per yard 11c

30 to 54-inch Brass Extension Curtain Rods, highly polished, fitted with collar which prevents tearing of curtain and in the latest chrome-neck effect. 25c value. Special for Friday at, each 15c

10c unbleached Canton Flannel, good heavy twill back with well woven face. Special for Friday at, per yard 7 1/2c

12 1/2c Cretonnes in figures and stripes; pink, blue, red, yellow and green; splendid comfort coverings. Special for Friday at, per yard 9 1/2c

10c Apron Gingham in plaids and stripes; light and dark colorings; good States pattern. Special for Friday at, per yard 6 1/2c

Lot of Ladies' 50c Brassieres to be closed out. Special for Friday, each 25c

Men's colored Necktie Shirts. Special for Friday. \$1.00

Our regular \$1.50 Shirts, \$1.00

Our regular \$1.00 Shirts 69c

Men's knitted four-in-hand Ties. Special for Friday—

25c ties 13c

50c ties 25c

\$1.00 ties 50c

25c Dustless Dusters; size 36x36 inches. Special for Friday at, each 3c

Sanitol and Hudnut's Dentalux Tooth Powder. Special for Friday, each 12 1/2c

Large box of Regal Stationery, 50 envelopes and 50 sheets writing paper—good 45c value. Special for Friday at 25c

L.W. COOK

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Sept. 17, 1864.]

New Depot

The erection of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's depot at the foot of Third street, is progressing rapidly. It will be a very large building.

New Engine House

The new house of the Paxton Fire Company is in process of erection. The mason work is nearly completed.

Captain Fry in Town

Captain J. R. Fry, of Company D, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, recently wounded in a skirmish near Atlanta, is in town.

THE MAINE ELECTION

[From the Philadelphia Press.]

In spite of the general collapse of the Progressive party elsewhere there is still enough of it left in Maine to enable the Democratic candidate for Governor to get in by a small plurality. The Republicans much more than doubled the Taft vote of two years ago, their gain being in fact 25 per cent., while the Progressives have lost 63 per cent. of the Roosevelt vote. This shows that the Progressive party still has some power for evil in Maine as assistant to the Democrats and has given that party through the minority in every district one Congressman and the Governor of the State.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Sept. 17, 1864.]

Fighting on Enemy

Fortress Monroe, Sept. 16. — News from the front received here states that the Blue Coats opened fire on the enemy, and heavy firing was kept up all day in order to silence the rebels, who for some days have been annoying our lines, particularly on the left.

Indian Strength

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17. — General Sibley, in an official dispatch, says the number of Indians embraced within the district of Minnesota is nearly 17,000, including 3,500 warriors, whom \$80 are now actively hostile, 250 desirous of peace and 1,450, mainly Chippewas, avowedly friendly.

Stylish New Fall Shoes For Ladies

\$2.50 to \$5

The vogue of the short skirts this season makes smart stylish footwear an essential to every woman who is particular about the matter of dress. Our assortment of the new Fall models is quite complete and includes every fashion-approved style in either cloth or leather or cravenetted tops.

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